

Appl. No. 10/719,076
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8: Cancelled

Claim 9 (New) A culinary utensil, comprising a planar base having an open end, first and second lateral side walls extending upwardly along opposing first and second lateral sides of the planar base and an arcuate handle comprising a rearwardly extending projection integral with the planar base, and being curved upwardly from the planar base and generally forwardly toward the open end in an arcuate manner forming a continuous curve from the planar base.

Claim 10 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 9, wherein the arcuate handle further forms a generally tubular configuration having a generally circular transverse cross-section.

Claim 11 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 9, wherein the arcuate handle further comprises a generally C-shaped transverse cross-section.

Claim 12 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 10, wherein the arcuate handle further comprises an a terminating end edge of the generally forwardly curving section.

Claim 13 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 12, wherein the terminating end edge of the arcuate handle is generally forwardly facing toward the open end of the planar base and terminates above each of the first and second lateral side walls.

Claim 14 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 12, wherein the terminating end edge of the arcuate handle is generally rearwardly facing and proximate the planar base.

Claim 15 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 9, wherein the planar base, first and second lateral side walls and arcuate handle are fabricated of stainless steel.

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Claim 16 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 9, wherein the first and second lateral side walls each further comprise a rearwardly extending flange having a radius substantially corresponding to the curvature of the arcuate handle thereby enclosing opposing lateral open ends of the arcuate handle.

Claim 17 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the first and second lateral side walls each further comprise upper edges which taper forward from the rearwardly extending flange and which are co-terminus with the open end of the planar base.

Claim 18 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 17, wherein the arcuate handle further forms a generally tubular configuration having a generally circular transverse cross-section.

Claim 19 (New) The culinary utensil according to Claim 17, wherein the arcuate handle further comprises a generally C-shaped transverse cross-section.

Claim 20 (New) A method for transporting food objects, comprising the steps of:

- (a) loading the food objects into a utensil comprising a planar base having an open end, first and second lateral side walls extending upwardly along opposing first and second lateral sides of the planar base and an arcuate handle comprising a rearwardly extending projection integral with the planar base, and being curved upwardly from the planar base and generally forwardly toward the open end in an arcuate manner forming a continuous curve from the planar base;
- (b) manually transporting the utensil to a desired destination; and
- (c) dispensing the food objects from the utensil by tilting the utensil sufficiently to permit the food objects to pass along the planar base outward from the open end toward the desired destination.